

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN Re Patent Application of: ARIDOR et al.

Serial No.: 10/620,631

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For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING MULTI-TIER
APPLICATION COMPLEXES

Group Art Unit: 2194

Examiner: Nathan E. Price

RULE 132 DECLARATION OF ANTONIO ABBONDANZIO, LIANA L.

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We, the undersigned, Antonio Abbondanzio, Liana L. Fong, German S. Goldszmidt and Richard E. Harper hereby declare as follows:

1. We were among the authors of an article by Abbondanzio, et al., entitled "Management of Application Complexes in Multitier Clustered Systems," published in *IBM Systems Journal* 42:1 (2003) (hereinafter "the Article"), which was cited by the Examiner against U.S. Patent Application No. 10/620,631 (hereinafter "the Application"). In making this rejection, the Examiner cited subject matter in paragraphs 3-4 on page 2 and in the third bullet point on page 3 of the Article.

2. Our co-authors, Yariv Aridor, Ofer Biran, Srirama Krishnakumar, Gregory Pruett and Ben-Ami Yassour, were the sole inventors of all the subject matter that was cited by the Examiner in paragraphs 3-4 on page 2 and in the third bullet point on page 3 of the Article.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and conjecture are thought to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issued thereon.



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